

Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. released the following statement upon the Justice Department's announcement of a settlement in the Pigford case:

"Today is an historic day for African American farmers who once found themselves victims of an unjust system. While the Administration and Congress are moving forward to bring a brighter future to people in rural America, we must also do everything possible to correct past injustices. Today's decision by the Justice Department and the White House to award an additional \$1.25 billion to settle all claims stemming from the original Pigford litigation is a significant milestone.

"In Georgia, farming is a proud tradition and I am honored to represent farmers of every color and background. Therefore, I look forward to working with my colleagues on the House Appropriations Committee to expedite the funds for this settlement and to bring closure to those who suffered from the USDA's discriminatory practices."

For more information on today's Pigford settlement, please see the [Settlement Fact Sheet](#) .

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